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**MAR 24 2021**

Clerk, U.S. District Court  
Eastern District of Texas

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
SHERMAN DIVISION**

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,**

**v.**

**DEBRA LYNN MERCER-ERWIN (1)**

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**CASE NUMBER 4:20-CR-212 ALM/KPJ**

**WAIVER OF PERSONAL APPEARANCE AT ARRAIGNMENT AND  
ENTRY OF PLEA OF NOT GUILTY**

The defendant in the above referenced case, along with his/her undersigned attorney,  
hereby acknowledges the following:

- (1) Defendant has received a copy of the Third Superseding Indictment in this case. Defendant understands the nature and substance of the charges contained therein, the maximum penalties applicable thereto, and his/her constitutional rights, after being advised of all the above by his/her attorney.
- (2) Defendant understands he/she has the right to appear personally with his/her attorney before a judge for arraignment in open court on this accusation. Defendant further understands that, absent the present waiver, he/she will be arraigned in open court at the time and date previously designated.
- (3) Defendant, having conferred with his/her attorney in this regard, hereby waives personal appearance, with his/her attorney at the arraignment of this case and the reading of the Indictment, and by this instrument, tenders his/her plea of "not guilty". The defendant understands that entry by the court of said plea for defendant will conclude the arraignment in this case for all purposes.
- (4) Defendant understands that he/she has a right to a minimum period of time to trial so that trial shall not commence less than 30 days from the date on which the defendant first appears though counsel or expressly waives counsel and elects to proceed pro se.

Date: March 24, 2021

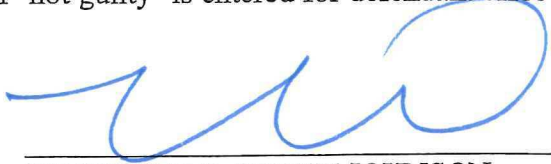
Defendant: Debra Lynn Mercer-Erwin

Attorney for Defendant: John W. Erwin

ORDER

APPROVED BY THE COURT. A plea of "not guilty" is entered for defendant effective this date.

Date: 3/24/2021



KIMBERLY C. PRIEST JOHNSON  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE